



Lieutenant General Henry A. *Trey* Obering III
United States Air Force
Director, Missile Defense Agency

Lt Gen Henry A. "Trey" Obering III is the Director of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, DC. The MDA is Presidentially-chartered and mandated by Congress to acquire highly effective ballistic missile defense systems for forward-deployed and expeditionary elements of the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, MDA will develop options and if directed, acquire systems for ballistic missile defense of the United States. As Director, General Obering is the Acquisition Executive for all Ballistic Missile Defense Systems and program.

The general, a native of Birmingham, AL, entered the Air Force in 1973 after completing the University of Notre Dame's ROTC program as a distinguished graduate. He received his pilot wings in 1975 and flew operational assignments in the F-4E. The general was later assigned to the Space Shuttle Program and participated in 15 space shuttle launches as a NASA orbiter project engineer and was responsible for integrating firing room launch operations. Other assignments included tours with the Air Force Inspector General, the Defense Mapping Agency, and Electronic Systems Center. Prior to assignment at MDA, the general planned and programmed 68 joint, Air Force, and international programs with a \$28B budget as Mission Area Director for Information Dominance on the Air Staff.

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EDUCATION:

1973 Bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering, cum laude, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

1977 Distinguished graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

1980 Master of science degree in astronautical engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

1984 Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

1988 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

1993 Distinguished graduate, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1973 - January 1975, student, undergraduate pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, AL.

2. January 1975 - February 1976, student pilot, F-4E Replacement Training Unit, MacDill Air Force Base, FL.

3. February 1976 - September 1979, operational F-4E pilot; Chief, Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron; and Base Executive Officer, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

4. September 1979 - September 1980, Air Force Institute of Technology graduate student, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

5. September 1980 - December 1982, Design Manager, Space Shuttle Ground Support Equipment, later, Chief, Space Shuttle Vehicle Integration, 6595th Shuttle Test Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA.

6. December 1982 - July 1984, NASA Orbiter Project Engineer, Kennedy Space Center, FL

7. July 1984 - December 1984, student, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, VA

8. December 1984 - July 1987, Space Shuttle Project Engineer, 6595th Shuttle Test Group, later, Director of Shuttle Engineering, Western Space and Missile Center, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA.

9. July 1987 - July 1988, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

10. July 1988 - June 1990, Chief, Special Projects Inspections, Systems Acquisition Management Inspection Division, Headquarters Air Force Inspection and Safety Center, Norton Air Force Base, CA.

11. June 1990 - June 1991, Program Element Monitor, Air Force Medium Space Launch Vehicles Program and Deputy Chief, Space Systems Division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Washington, D.C.

12. June 1991 - July 1992, Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

13. July 1992 - June 1993, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

14. June 1993 - July 1996, Deputy Director, Acquisition and Technology Group, Defense Mapping Agency, Washington, D.C.

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15. July 1996 - April 1997, Program Director for Special Projects, Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA.
16. April 1997 - August 1999, director, Expeditionary Forces Experiment System Program Office, Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA.
17. August 1999 – December 2001, Mission Area Director for Information Dominance, Office of the Assistant Secretary Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. December 2001 – July 2003, Deputy for Force Structure Integration and Deployment, and Program Director, Battle Management Command and Control, Missile Defense Agency, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2003 – July 2004, Deputy Director, MDA and Director, Joint National Integration Center, Missile Defense Agency, Washington, D.C.
20. July 2004 – present, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Top Gun, Air-to-Air, F-4E Replacement Training Unit
Distinguished graduate; flying training; and academic training trophies, Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 75-05

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Dec 13, 1973
First Lieutenant Dec 13, 1975
Captain Dec 10, 1977
Major Apr 1, 1986
Lieutenant Colonel Jun 1, 1989
Colonel Feb 1, 1994
Brigadier General Jun 1, 2000
Major General Jan 1, 2004

Lieutenant General Aug 1, 2004

(Current as of August 2004)